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Soviets Display Devices Of Alleged 'Spy Mania'

Spokesman Denounces 'Revolting' Tactics

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MOSCOW, April 9—The Soviet Union today accused Washington of wide-scale espionage against the U.S.S.R. and displayed wiretaps and other spying devices it said were taken from five Soviet facilities in the United States.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Boris Pyadyshev told a news conference that the charts, photographs and equipment shown journalists here represented only a sampling of the "huge proportions" of eavesdropping equipment periodically uncovered in Soviet buildings in the United States.

In the harshest attack against the United States by Soviet officials in weeks, Pyadyshev charged the United States with "revolting" tactics, "unseemly actions" and "low moral standards."

U.S. espionage against the Soviet Union constitutes "an electronic invasion," Pyadyshev said.

In 1979, when the new Soviet Embassy in Washington—completed in 1980—was under construction, the Soviet Union accused the United States of planting listening devices in it.

Soviet spokesmen said today that despite protests, the scale of bugging of Soviet missions in the United States has increased and some of the equipment was discovered "just the other day."

Pyadyshev charged Washington with launching a campaign of "spy mania" against the Soviet Union "to distract attention from its own gross violations of diplomatic practice and pure human morality with regard to Soviet institutions on its own territory."

In recent weeks, Washington has alleged several cases of espionage, sexual enticement of U.S. marines by Soviet citizens and bugging in its facilities in the Soviet Union, highlighted by an announcement by President Reagan on Tuesday that the newly built U.S. Embassy in Moscow may have to be demolished due to security breaches.

With today's presentation, the Soviet Union escalated the war of espionage exposes by displaying what it called evidence of surveillance devices planted by Americans in Soviet facilities.

Speaking the week before a visit by Secretary of State George P. Shultz, Pyadyshev said the cases of U.S. espionage "constitute a factor complicating Soviet-American relations."

"We have not dramatized the situation," Pyadyshev said, adding, however, that "the actions in the U.S. cannot be left unattended, at the same time."

U.S. officials have limited their charges against Moscow to more vague references to "security breaches" but have not displayed any surveillance devices found in the American Embassy buildings here.

But Soviet Foreign Ministry officials used most of today's briefing to show bugging devices they said came from Soviet office and residential buildings in Washington, New York and San Francisco.

The documentation was presented to a hall crowded with oreign journalists. Along with blown-up photographs of the Soviet facilities in the United States, it included the following:

A display of encased wire, Soviet officials said had been embedded in a window sill in new Soviet office building in watington.

a Soviet country house in Maryland, showing stripped floorboards and ceilings, with arrows pointing to the places eavesdropping devices allegedly were found. Also, wiretaps and pieces of electronic equipment that Soviet officials said were taken from the building. Bugs had been

connected to radio transmitters in the building's roof beams, Soviet officials said.

- Bugging devices allegedly from the Soviet Consulate buttons in New York, built in 1973 and as office and residential quarter Soviet employes of the United tions.
- Eavesdropping equipment the Soviets said was uncover buildings of the Soviet Consultant San Francisco, built in the 197
- Devices allegedly taken from new Soviet residential quarta Washington.